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C O N F I D E N T I A L BEIRUT 13189

DEPARTMENT PASS TO SECRETARY'S PARTY

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP (FRANGIE, SLEIMAN) PFOR LE US

SUBJECT: PRESIDENT FRANGIE'S ATTENDANCE AT UNGA DEBATE ON PALESTINE

1. NEW FOREIGN MINISTER PHILIP TAQLA COMPLETELY OCCUPIED TODAY WITH PRESIDENT RECEIVING CREDENTIALS OF NEW AMBASSADORS AND PREPARING FOR PRESIDENT'S TRIP TO THE UNITED STATES. HE, HOWEVER, ASKED KHALIL HADDAD, DIRECTOR GENERAL OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION AFFAIRS, TO MEET WITH ME AND GIVE US FOLLOWING INFORMATION WHICH HAS ALREADY BEEN MADE AVAILABLE TO AMBASSADOR KABBANI IN WASHINGTON AND AMBASSADOR GHORRA IN NEW YORK.

2. PRESIDENT DEPARTING NOVEMBER 10 ON SPECIAL MEA FLIGHT
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WHICH WOULD BRING HIM DIRECT TO NEW YORK ON SAME DAY

BUT WITH ONE REFUELING STOP PROBABLY BORDEAUX POSSIBLY
PARIS. IT IS NOT RPT NOT YET KNOWN WHETHER MADAME
FRANGIE WILL ACCOMPANY HIM. THE FOLLOWING CONSTITUTES

HIS OFFICIAL PARTY:

1. FOREIGN MINISTER TAQLA
2. PRESIDENTIAL ADVISOR BOUTROS DIB
3. AND 4. AIDES NOT YET DESIGNATED
5. AMBASSADOR GHORRA
6. AMBASSADOR KABBANI
7. AMBASSADOR DIMESHKIE FROM LONDON
8. AMBASSADOR CHAMMAS FROM BAGHDAD
9. KHALIL HADDAD.

3. HADDAD DOUBTS THAT ANY OTHERS WOULD ACCOMPANY
PRESIDENT FOR HE EVIDENTLY MOST ANNOYED AND EMBARRASSED
BY SIZE OF LEBANESE DELEGATION TO RECENT RABAT CONFERENCE.

4. IT IS NOT RPT NOT YET KNOWN WHEN FRANGIE PLANS TO
RETURN TO LEBANON NOR WHETHER HE PLANS TO VISIT WASHINGTON
OR ANY OTHER PARTS OF THE UNITED STATES. TAQLA TOLD
HADDAD THAT PLANS SHOULD BE FINALIZED BY C.O.B. WEDNESDAY,
NOVEMBER 6, AT WHICH TIME WE WILL BE INFORMED.

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